

## Fiscal Edit Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class: **Cold Sore Treatment Fiscal Edit**

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☒ **New Criteria**

☐ **Revision of Existing Criteria**

### Executive Summary

**Purpose:** Reduce utilization of prescription topical and oral antiviral products for the treatment of cold sores that result in minimal improvement.

**Why was this Issue Selected:** Topical and oral antiviral agents prescribed to treat cold sores can cost close to \$25 per prescription, while reducing cold sores by only one day. Usually treatment is initiated too late to have any significant effect in the duration of the cold sore.

| Program-specific information: | Drug              | Claims | Expense   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------|
|                               | • Denavir Topical | 3,440  | \$101,642 |
|                               | • Valtrex Oral    | 10,105 | \$768,662 |

**Setting & Population:** Prescribed for Patients with cold sore eruptions.

**Type of Criteria:** ☐ **Increased risk of ADE** ☐ **Non-Preferred Agent**  
☒ **Effectiveness** ☐

**Data Sources:** ☐ **Only administrative databases** ☐ **Databases + Prescriber-supplied**

## Approval Criteria

- Documented Abreva treatment failure
- Documented ADE to Abreva
- Patient with prescription for oral antiviral DX = appropriate chronic diagnoses

## Denial Criteria

- No adequate trail on reference drug
- Prescription claims for Denavir Topical will deny for prior authorization.
- Patient with prescription for oral antiviral and DX = acute viral infection.

## Required Documentation

Laboratory results: ☐  
MedWatch form: ☐

Progress notes: ☐

## Disposition of Edit

- **Denial:** Exception 683 "Fiscal Edit"

## Client Approval

Please have an authorized representative execute this PA criteria verifying receipt by the client and that all elements contained herein are understood.

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

